

REMARKS:

Claims 1-16 are presented for consideration.

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement, Applicant elects the polymer to be polyolefin (e.g. a cross-linked polyethylene as supported in the published version of the application at paragraph [0036]). This election is made with traverse to the extent that a broader claim may be found allowable. The Applicant also elects the filler to be silane coated silica (i.e. vinylsilane functionalized silicon dioxide) as supported by the published application at paragraph [0033]. This election is also made with traverse to the extent that a broader claim may be found allowable.

By this election Applicant is believed to be entitled to examination of claim 1 (generic), claim 2 (generic), claim 3 (as amended to be consistent with the election), claim 4 (as amended to be consistent with the election), claim 5 (also as amended to be consistent with the election), claim 6 (as amended to identify the elected polymer), claim 7 (as directed to the elected polymer and filler), claims 8, 9, and 10 (generic), claim 11 (as amended to be directed to the elected polymer), claim 12 (as amended to be directed to the elected polymer and filler), and claims 13, 14, 15 and 16 (generic).

Applicant also reserves his right to file a divisional application covering a non-elected species and entry of this amendment and favorable action is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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